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RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN MIRABILE UPON RECEIVING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF AMERICAN HISTORY AWARD

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and commend an outstanding teacher from New Hampshire, Kathleen Mirabile, winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Outstanding Teacher of American History Award.

Mrs. Mirabile has dedicated the past 45 years to teaching Social Studies and United States History in two public high schools in Manchester, New Hampshire. She continues to share her in-depth understanding of the democratic system of government in our country with students every year.

Throughout her 45 years in the Manchester school system, she has come to intimately understand and personify the concept of living history as she has opened students' minds to endless possibilities. She subscribes to the theory that in order to be loyal to our country today, one must be keenly aware of the history that has shaped the extraordinary foundation upon which our country and our government were built. She has made it her goal to ensure students understand the impact that history has on them today and, conversely, the impact that today will have on history.

Entrenched in her belief that every citizen ought to be a student of United States History, Mrs. Mirabile has remained a student throughout her entire teaching career – completing graduate studies at the University of New Hampshire and Boston College, as well as participating in countless edu-

cational conferences, institutes and Fellowship programs ranging from the National Endowment for the Humanities to Harvard University allowing her to further her own education as a student, while simultaneously enriching her teaching knowledge.

Mrs. Mirabile has taken her passion for history outside of the classroom and required school hours. Beyond her role as a teacher in the high school classroom, Mrs. Mirabile has shared her time and her life with members of the Granite State community by participating and assuming important leadership and advisory roles in numerous educational societies, extracurricular activities and professional organizations furthering her own development and gaining the respect and friendship of her students and peers alike.

Teachers like Mrs. Mirabile exemplify the greatest asset in the educational system in our country – dedicated and devoted teachers who take tremendous pride in preparing generations of students to participate in the American dream. Her commitment to her students and the entire community serves as a great role model for everyone around her, and she certainly is deserving of the DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. I congratulate her on this recognition and commend her for her excellence in teaching and the overwhelmingly positive effect she has had on her students and her community.